

Appl. No. 10/687,017  
Response dated August 29, 2005  
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**Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace specific paragraphs of the specification with the paragraphs set out below.

[0059] Each support was treated according to a steam treatment. The steam treatment included conditions of a water partial pressure of 5.5 bars and a temperature of 225 °C for 2 hours. These conditions were similar to typical operating conditions of a Fischer-Tropsch process.

[0060] The BET surface area of each support was measured both before and after the steam treatment. Results are presented in the drawing.

[0061] The following patent applications filed concurrently herewith are hereby incorporated herein by reference: U.S. Patent Application No. 10/686,977, Attorney Docket No. 1856-27301, entitled "Fischer-Tropsch Processes and Catalysts Made From a Material Comprising Boehmite"; U.S. Patent Application No. 10/687,140, Attorney Docket No. 1856-20401, entitled "A Stabilized Transition Alumina Catalyst Support From Boehmite and Catalysts Made Therefrom"; and U.S. Patent Application No. 10/687,022, Attorney Docket No. 1856-34101, entitled "Fischer-Tropsch Processes and Catalysts Using Stabilized Supports".